PAID BED RESERVATION POLICY

Medicaid reimbursable absences from a long-term care institution are described below. All leave must be documented in a resident's plan of care and approved by a physician. With respect to nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF/DD), payment shall not include bed-hold days except in facilities with occupancy rates of 95 percent or greater.

- A. <u>INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION</u> Up to 8 days per hospitalization for each nursing facility resident approved for the institutional care program (ICP). Up to 8 days per hospitalization for each hospice enrolled nursing home resident approved for the institutional care prog.am (ICP). Up to 15 days per hospitalization for each state mental hospital (age 65 years and older) resident or ICF/DD resident approved for the institutional care program (ICP). There is no annual maximum. ICF/DD residents are not entitled to an additional 15 days of hospitalization immediately following an infirmary stay. One day is described as an overnight stay from the facility. For ICF/DD residents, Hospitalizations are reimbursed but are not considered bed hc'd days.
- B. <u>INFIRMARY STAYS FOR ICF/DD RESIDENTS</u> Up to 15 consecutive days per infirmary stay, with an annual maximum of 30 days for each ICF/DD resident approved for the institutional care program (ICP). The reason for the infirmary stay must be documented by the attending physician and described in the resident's plan of care. At the completion of infirmary stay, residents must be returned to the ICF/DD, hospitalized or discharged from the ICF/DD. One day is described as an overnight stay from the facility. Infirmary stays are reimbursed but are not considered bed hold days.
- C. <u>THERAPEUTIC LEAVE DAYS</u> Therapeutic leave means a resident leaves the facility to go to a family-type setting and not to another facility. Family type settings include a private home, boarding home or assisted living facility. One day of therapeutic leave is described as an overnight stay from the facility.
- (1) Nursing Facility Residents: Up to 16 days per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).
- (2) State Mental Hospital Residents (age 65 years and older): Up to 30 days per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Each visit over three consecutive days must be prior authorized.
- (3) ICF/DD residents: Up to 45 days per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The district DS program office must authorize therapeutic leave. Therapeutic leave will not be approved if the resident's therapy would be seriously affected. Therapeutic leave days are reimbursed but are not considered bed hold days.
- (4) Nursing Facility Residents Enrolled in a Hospice: Up to 16 days per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

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